

Unemployment

- “Kentucky’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to its highest point in 18 months to 5.9 percent in June, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. The state’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 5.7 percent in May 2003, and 5.6 percent in June 2002. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate in June increased to 6.4 percent from 6.1 percent in May. “The .2 percentage point increase from May to June was the largest single-month jump in Kentucky’s unemployment rate since February,” said Carlos Cracraft, the department’s chief labor market analyst. “While Kentucky’s unemployment rose in June, we were one of 40 states that remained below the national jobless rate of 6.4 percent in June and we have stayed below the national rate for 15 consecutive months”” (CWD Press Release, August 6, 2003).
- In Barren River, the unemployment rate rose (5.3% to 5.9%) from May to June 2003.

KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES PRELIMINARY JUNE 2003

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate		
				June 2003	May 2003	June 2002
Barren River	131,748	123,997	7,751	5.9	5.3	4.9
Allen	8,626	8,017	609	7.1	6.6	5.0
Barren	18,800	18,072	728	3.9	3.6	3.5
Butler	6,523	6,001	522	8.0	6.0	7.3
Edmonson	5,048	4,768	280	5.5	5.2	5.7
Hart	8,288	7,642	646	7.8	7.2	3.5
Logan	12,777	11,901	876	6.9	6.2	7.4
Metcalfe	4,938	4,788	150	3.0	2.7	3.4
Monroe	4,652	4,285	367	7.9	9.7	6.0
Simpson	8,831	8,202	629	7.1	5.6	5.9
Warren	53,265	50,321	2,944	5.5	5.0	4.6
Statewide*	2,025,114	1,905,535	119,579	5.9	5.5	5.6
U.S. Rate*				6.5	5.8	6.0

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

*The data contained in the charts above are not seasonally adjusted. County unemployment rates are comparable to the non-seasonally adjusted Kentucky statewide and U.S. unemployment rates in the chart above.

Unemployment in the Barren River WIA
1990 through 2003

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
1990	8.6%	7.7%	8.5%	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.1%	7.1%	6.6%	6.7%	6.6%	6.3%	7.2%
1991	8.8%	10.2%	9.8%	9.7%	7.9%	8.5%	7.8%	7.4%	7.1%	6.6%	6.6%	6.9%	8.1%
1992	10.2%	8.6%	7.8%	6.5%	6.1%	6.3%	5.5%	5.2%	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	6.5%
1993	6.8%	6.8%	6.3%	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	5.4%
1994	5.3%	5.8%	4.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.3%
1995	5.7%	6.4%	4.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	5.3%	3.9%	4.7%	4.9%	5.8%	4.8%	4.9%
1996	7.3%	8.1%	6.9%	6.2%	5.6%	6.2%	7.0%	6.1%	5.9%	6.0%	5.9%	6.4%	6.5%
1997	7.6%	8.0%	6.7%	5.5%	5.2%	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	4.6%	5.7%
1998	5.7%	5.3%	5.0%	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	5.1%	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%	3.7%	4.4%
1999	5.4%	5.7%	5.7%	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	4.6%
2000*	5.0%	5.2%	4.4%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	3.6%	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%
2001*	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.4%	5.7%	6.6%	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%
2002*	7.5%	6.9%	6.2%	5.3%	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.1%	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	5.6%
2003	6.2%	6.6%	5.9%	5.5%	5.3%	5.9%							

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

* Data has been benchmarked

June 2003 data is preliminary

